

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

## Red o' the Rose.

Sir Percival, for lady fair,  
With spear at charge and light,  
All in his armor donned,  
Rode forth at morn to fight;  
The old with death and gold was laid,  
And down the lists he sped,  
For his dear lady, unafraid  
Of living or of dead.

She wore his white rose on her breast,  
She watched him from afar,  
And with brave stroke on shield and crest,  
The foe's dread shock and jar;  
She saw the blow that baffled him,  
Sir Percival, the brave;  
Then all before her eyes and swim,  
So deep her wound and grave.

They bore her to him at her will,  
She leaned above his breast,  
As, oh, his shattered heart did spill  
Its hot stream, where she pressed!  
All thoughtless like the snowy bloom  
It caught the crimson flood,  
And so it blushed her to her tomb,  
The red rose o' his blood.

—Selected.

## The Spirit of South.

The official report of General Clement A. Evans, chairman of the Historical Committee, made to the convention of Confederate Veterans, recently in New Orleans, contained several paragraphs so directly expressive of the spirit of the South, as expressed in Memorial Day celebration, that they are repeated here:

"Thus," says General Clay, "with banners, orations, flowers and music, Memorial Day, the day when the South, in its patriotic sentiments, which will not let allegiance to our reunited country grow cold, nor the sublime memories of the departed Confederates die."

"Should any one ask why these demonstrations continue, the answer is that they evince openly the spirit of the South; people; they educate the youth of the South in patriotism, and they celebrate the heroic sacrifices which a noble people made for their convictions."

"If any should ask a Confederate veteran when he will come to bear his banner and stir the heart of the world with the strains of 'Dixie,' he will answer that such things may come to an end when the last Confederate veteran has gone to his grave and the warrior's banner shall be torn, 'have taken its flight to greet the warrior's soul.'"

## Ante-Nuptial Luncheon.

A social event of pleasant importance yesterday was the Ante-Nuptial Luncheon given at 1:30 yesterday afternoon, by Miss Meta Randolph, of No. 611 East Franklin Street, in honor of Miss Margaret Cameron McGuire, her maid of honor, and her bridesmaids, Miss Greta McGuire, Miss Alice and Eleanor Parker, of Washington, D. C., Miss Katherine Newell, of Norfolk, Va.; Miss E. V. McGuire, of Winchester, Va.; Miss Sarah Robertson, of Staunton, Va.; Miss Lella Blair, Mary Newton Williams, Alma Cecil and Mildred Boyd, of Richmond.

The dining room and table were beautifully and most artistically decorated with marigolds, the namesake flower of the fair bride-to-be, and with the feathering green of asparagus plumosa. Covers were laid for twelve, the white and gold of the daisy centre-piece being encircled with a delicate wreath of the standard text books. Clusters of marigolds were placed here and there, and many brilliant candelabra held yellow tapers shaded with white.

The place cards were daintily hand-painted marigolds, and the white and gold theme was effectively carried out in the luncheon, ices, and in daisy cake. Beside each cover was placed a pretty basket in green and white, holding a tiny cluster of marigolds and heaped high with strawberries.

Miss McGuire's marriage to Mr. George Arthur Gordon, of Savannah, Ga., will take place in St. Paul's Church, at 9 o'clock this evening, and, as she will leave at once for England, to remain some time, the gathering of yesterday was invested with an unusual degree of interest for those present.

## After the Rehearsal.

After the rehearsal at St. Paul's Church last night the members of the Gordon-McGuire wedding party were entertained by Mrs. Granville G. Valentine at an informal lawn party.

The lovely lawn of her home, No. 12 East Franklin Street, was illuminated with Japanese lanterns and presented a brilliant scene, as the happy couple welcomed their guests in their charming toilets.

The piazzas of the house was also illuminated and the lower floor, gayly decorated in wedding bells and white roses, was thrown open. Refreshments were served on the lawn and the piazzas, and the occasion was altogether a most graceful and delightful compliment to the bride and bridegroom of to-day.

## At Westmoreland Club.

Miss Frances Scott, of No. 712 West Franklin Street, will be the hostess of a luncheon at the Westmoreland Club at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The out-of-town wedding guests who have come to attend the church ceremony and the wedding reception attended upon the Gordon-McGuire marriage, a social occasion of importance to the many Richmond friends and relatives of two extremely popular young people.

## Called Meeting.

There will be a called meeting of the Northside Kindergarten Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock at Mizpah Church. Matters of importance will be discussed, and all interested are urged to be present.

## Annual Alumnae Meeting.

The Kindergarten Alumnae Association will hold its annual meeting and reception for graduate nurses at No. 14 West Main Street, this afternoon, at 5:15 o'clock.

## To Meet Friday.

A meeting of the Power Memorial Association at No. 3 East Grace Street is called for Friday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

## Personal Mention.

Mr. Louis Hankins arrived in Richmond yesterday from Covington, Va., and paid a visit to his farm, near the city. He expects to bring Mrs. Hankins and his little daughter from Washington, D. C., on Friday and stop for a day and night in returning to his camp near Covington.

Professor William H. Whiting, principal of Clay Hill Academy, near Millwood, in

## Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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## THE LATE SPRING

By LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON.

Other selections from this author, her portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

SHE stood alone amidst the April fields,—  
Brown, sodden fields, all desolate and bare.  
"The spring is late," she said, "the faithless spring,  
That should have come to make the meadows fair."

"Their sweet South left too soon, among the trees  
The birds, bewildered, flutter to and fro;  
For them no green boughs wait,—their memories  
Of last year's April had deceived them so."

She watched the homeless birds, the slow, sad spring,  
The barren fields, and shivering, naked trees,  
"Thus God has dealt with me, his child," she said;  
"I wait my spring-time, and am cold like those."

"To them will come the fullness of their time;  
Their spring, though late, will make the meadows fair;  
Shall I, who wait like them, like them be blessed?  
I am his own,—doth not my Father care?"

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1903. One is published each day.

Clarke county, has accepted the professorship of Latin at Hampden-Sidney College. He is a graduate of that institution in the class of 1880.

Mrs. Horace George, of Charlottesville, Va., is spending some time with relatives in Richmond.

Judge and Mrs. John T. Goodrick, of Fredericksburg, Va., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. McC. Grafton at Seewickley, Pa., where yesterday the judges delivered the Memorial Day address. Judge and Mrs. Goodrick will be entertained during their visit at a dinner to be given by the Edgewood Club of Seewickley.

The Rev. Dr. Russell Cecil has returned from Staunton, Va., where he delivered the baccalaureate address to the young ladies of the Mary Baldwin Seminary.

Mr. John B. Moon, of Albemarle county, is spending a few days in the city.

The Rt. Rev. Augustus Van de Vyver has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. V. Weems, in Winchester, Va. He went from Winchester to Martinsburg, W. Va.

Mrs. William Beverly has returned from a visit to friends in Fredericksburg, Va.

Cards have been issued by Mrs. Caroline Perry, of Luray, for the marriage of her daughter, Ida Hynde, to Mr. Harry Lacey Bushong, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bushong, of Woodstock. The wedding will take place in Mount Carmel Baptist Church on Thursday evening, June 7th, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Solvyn E. Blockford has returned from a visit to his home in Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gilham, of Orange, celebrated their golden wedding in a very delightful manner this week.

The Charlottesville Progress says: Dr. J. C. Metcalf, of Richmond College, made a splendid address on "Woman and Modern Culture," at the annual meeting and banquet of the Rawlings Institute, at the Hotel Richmond, on Thursday evening, June 7th, at 8 o'clock.

He told how women were coming to the front in sociological questions, and responsibility, and especially in educational movements.

As writers especially are the female students forging forward. Out of the twenty-nine acknowledged first-class novels of the present day, sixteen were written by women. In addition to this the women are writing a large percentage of the standard text books for schools in the present time. In all these and other respects the women have made great advances.

Miss Mary Powell Page, of Berryville, Va., has issued cards for a large bridge party to be given in honor of her guest, Miss Amy Pierson, of Baltimore.

Mrs. F. A. Boykin, Mrs. R. H. Norment and little daughter, Miriam, Miss Elsie Boykin and Mrs. McKnight, Mrs. Boykin's sister, are at Jefferson Park Hotel, near Charlottesville.

Mr. R. A. Lancaster, Jr., and Mr. W. G. Standard represented the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities on the occasion of the visitors Secretary Taft and party to Jamestown Island on Wednesday last. The party of the Secretary drove from Jamestown to Williamsburg, where they dined with President Tyler and visited Bruton Church, in which Secretary Taft is much interested. In his party were Hon. St. George Tucker and Mrs. Tucker, Mr. and Mrs. Hoar and Miss Boardman.

Miss Lucy T. Herndon, of Fredericksburg, gave a handsome card party on Saturday evening last, at which Miss Lou M. Knox, of this city, was a guest.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. John Ewing Laird, of Lexington, to the marriage of her daughter, Lula Belle, to Mr. Orrin Hancock Tufts, of Norfolk, Va. The ceremony will take place on Wednesday, June 6th, at 6 P. M. in the home of the bride's mother in Lexington.

Miss Mildred Powers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powers, of White Hall, Albemarle county, will graduate this year with distinction at Virginia College, Roanoke.

Messrs. Ellett and Linn Hancock and the Misses Hancock, of Keswick, came to Richmond and attended the exercises Tuesday evening, at which Miss Rose Hancock, of Keswick, graduated as a trained nurse from Memorial Hospital.

The name of Miss Emma Clarke was accidentally omitted from those composing the reception committee of the Women's College alumnae luncheon to be given at Quins on June 4th. The Executive Committee makes an urgent request that all those wishing to attend the luncheon send their names and one dollar to-day to Mrs. C. B. Garnett, care of Woman's College, this city.

## JUNE'S RECORD.

Weather Bureau Publishes Record of Leafy Month for 8 Years.

The following data, covering a period of eight years, has been compiled from the Weather Bureau records. They are issued to show the condition that have prevailed during the month of June for the above period of years, but must not be construed as a forecast of the weather conditions for the coming month:

Temperature—Mean or normal temperature, 74 degrees. The warmest month was that of 1888, with an average of 77 degrees. The coldest month was that of 1903, with

an average of 70 degrees. The highest temperature was 86 degrees, on June 8, 1890. The lowest temperature was 55 degrees, on June 18, 1903. The earliest date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, October 28th. Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred in autumn, November 8th. Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 2nd. The latest date on which last "killing" frost occurred in spring, April 20th.

Precipitation (rain or melted snow)—Average for the month, 2.84 inches. Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 11. The greatest monthly precipitation was 5.3 inches, in 1903. The least monthly precipitation was 2.32 inches, in 1901. The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any twenty-four consecutive hours was 2.88 inches, on June 16, 1902.

Relative humidity—Average, 8 A. M. 78. Clouds and Weather—Average number of clear days, 10; partly cloudy days, 13; cloudy days, 7.

Wind—The prevailing winds have been from the south and southwest. The average velocity of the wind is 5.6 miles. The highest velocity of the wind was 36 miles, from the northwest, on June 23, 1903.

## ASTOR WEDDING CAKE.

Slice Received Here by Miss Bettie Ellett from Mrs. Astor.

Miss Bettie Ellett, of the Shuttering Arms Hospital for the past fifteen years, received a few days ago a slice of the wedding cake from the Shaw-Astor wedding in London. Upon the news of Miss Ellett receiving the cake all the patients, nurses and physicians clamored for a bit to put under the pillow and with the cake, Miss Ellett decided to address you in a spirit of love upon this important matter. The teaching of the Christian Church in all ages has been that the Lord's Day is a holy day, designed for the glory of God and the benefit of man. It was ordained in the beginning as a season of rest and worship; it was incorporated by divine authority into the moral law; and it was honored by the Saviour, who declared that "the Son of Man will Lord also of the Sabbath Day." It is from him that the church has learned its true significance, and the way in which it should be observed. "The Lord of the Sabbath," he had authority to change the day of the week from the seventh to the first, in order to commemorate his own resurrection from the dead, which, next to the creation of the world, was the most important event in history. From him we learn that, although it was designed as a day of rest from the pressing cares of secular things, yet that there are certain works of necessity and mercy which it is not only allowable, but also right for us to perform on that day.

By works of necessity, we are to understand those exertions which are necessary to supply our physical wants; and by works of mercy, those that are necessary to relieve physical suffering either in man or beast. From the Lord Jesus we also learn that the day from the pressing cares of secular things is to be devoted to the worship of God. He also observed the day himself, and in support of the same we have the authority of the apostles, who consecrated the day on which Jesus rose from the dead to the first in order to commemorate his own resurrection from the dead, which, next to the creation of the world, was the most important event in history. From him we learn that, although it was designed as a day of rest from the pressing cares of secular things, yet that there are certain works of necessity and mercy which it is not only allowable, but also right for us to perform on that day.

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## MINISTERS URGE KEEPING SABBATH

Address on Sanctification of Christians' Day of Rest Issued by Richmond.

## SET THEIR FACES AGAINST IT

Christians Are Asked to Observe Rigidly the Sabbath, Abstaining from All Amusements.

An address of the ministers of the city on sanctification of the Christian Sabbath has been issued. It was suggested by the Episcopal clergies and prepared by Dr. Russell Cecil, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, at the request of the general committee.

The address follows:

Dear Brother,—We, the Christian ministers of Richmond and vicinity, viewing with profound concern a growing disposition on the part of Christian people to disregard the sanctity of the Lord's Day, or Christian Sabbath, and feeling in large measure responsible for your spiritual welfare, have, after prayer and conference, decided to address you in a spirit of love upon this important matter.

The teaching of the Christian Church in all ages has been that the Lord's Day is a holy day, designed for the glory of God and the benefit of man. It was ordained in the beginning as a season of rest and worship; it was incorporated by divine authority into the moral law; and it was honored by the Saviour, who declared that "the Son of Man will Lord also of the Sabbath Day." It is from him that the church has learned its true significance, and the way in which it should be observed. "The Lord of the Sabbath," he had authority to change the day of the week from the seventh to the first, in order to commemorate his own resurrection from the dead, which, next to the creation of the world, was the most important event in history. From him we learn that, although it was designed as a day of rest from the pressing cares of secular things, yet that there are certain works of necessity and mercy which it is not only allowable, but also right for us to perform on that day.

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